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Vaughn R. Walker
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1944
Education: Michigan 1966 AB; Stanford 1970 JD
Began Service: February 5, 1990
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Robert J. Kelleher, United States District Court for the Central District of California (1971-1972)

Legal Practice: Associate, Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro (1972-1977); Partner, Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro (1978-1990)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; The American Law Institute; Northern District of California Historical Society; St. Francis Foundation; Stanford Law Society

Staff

Law Clerk **William Ridgway** (415) 522-3623
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Law Clerk **Joel Willard** (415) 522-3622
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Marilyn Hall Patel
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1938
Education: Wheaton (IL) 1959 BA; Fordham 1963 JD
Began Service: 1980
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Government: Attorney, Immigration and Naturalization Service, United States Department of Justice (1967-1971)

Judicial: Judge, Alameda County Municipal Court (1976-1980)

Legal Practice: Benson & Morris (1963-1964); Corporation Trust Company (1964-1967); Private Practice (1964-1967); Private Practice (1972-1976)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; National Association of Women Judges

Staff

Law Clerk **Matthew Holohan** (415) 522-3600
Began Service: August 2006
Term Expires: August 2007
Education: UC Berkeley JD
Law Clerk **Jaynie Randall** (415) 522-3600
Began Service: August 2006
Term Expires: August 2007
Education: Yale 2006 JD
Secretary **Letty Whitworth** (415) 522-3600

Chambers of District Judge James Ware

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James Ware
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: Cal Lutheran 1969 BA;
Stanford 1972 JD
Began Service: 1990
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Academic: Visiting Professor, California Lutheran University (1980)

Judicial: Judge, California Superior Court, Santa Clara County (1988-1990)

Legal Practice: Associate, Ritchey, Fisher, Whitman & Klein (1972-1977); Partner, Ritchey, Fisher, Whitman & Klein (1977-1988)

Military Service: United States Army Reserve (1972-1987)

Staff

Law Clerk **Ahren Hoffman** (408) 535-5456
Began Service: June 2006
Term Expires: August 2007
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Began Service: August 2006
Term Expires: August 2007
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Chambers of District Judge Sandra Brown Armstrong

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Sandra Brown Armstrong
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Cal State (Fresno) 1969 BA; U San Francisco 1977 JD
Began Service: June 21, 1991

Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Political Affiliation: Republican

Academic: Conductor, Judicial Training Workshops, New Independent States of the Former Soviet Union (1997)

Government: Policewoman, City of Oakland, California (1970-1977); Deputy District Attorney, County of Alameda, California (1977-1979); Senior Consultant, California Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice (1979-1980); Deputy District Attorney, County of Alameda, California (1980-1982); Prosecutor, Public Integrity Section, United States Department of Justice (1982-1983); Member, United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (1983-1986); Member, United States Parole Commission (1986-1989)

Judicial: Judge, California Superior Court, Alameda County (1989-1991)

Legal Practice: Insurance Claim Representative, Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. (1969-1970)

Current Memberships: Alameda County Bar Association; American Bar Association; California Judges Association; Charles Houston Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; National Association of Women Judges; National Bar Association; National Council of Negro Women, Inc.; The State Bar of California; Wiley Manuel Bar Association

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Began Service: June 2006
Term Expires: June 2007
Education: Stanford 2001 AB, 2006 JD
Law Clerk **Jon D. Ives** (510) 637-3559
Began Service: 2007
Education: Colgate 1999 BA; Virginia 2002 JD
Court Reporter **Raynee Mercado** (510) 451-8404
Judicial Assistant **Lorene DeBose** (510) 637-3559
Education: UC Berkeley 1970 AB;
Hastings 1975 JD

Chambers of District Judge Ronald M. Whyte

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Ronald M. Whyte
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1942
Education: Wesleyan U 1964 AB; USC 1967 JD
Began Service: 1992

Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Political Affiliation: Republican

Judicial: Judge, California Superior County, Santa Clara County (1989-1992)

Legal Practice: Nichols, Stead, Boileau & Lamb (1967-1968); Associate then Partner, Hoge, Fenton, Jones & Appel (1971-1989)

Military Service: United States Naval Reserve (1968-1971)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; The American Inns of Court; Northern California Chapter, Association of Business Trial Lawyers; California Judges Association; Federal Judges Association; San Francisco Bay Area Intellectual Property Inn of Court; Santa Clara County Bar Association; The State Bar of California

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Claudia A. Wilken
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Stanford 1971 BA;
Boalt Hall 1975 JD
Began Service: December 1993
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Boalt Hall (1978-1984); Professor, New College School of Law (1980-1985)

Government: Welfare Eligibility Worker, State of California (1971-1972); Assistant Federal Public Defender, State of California (1975-1978)

Judicial: Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of California (1983-1993)

Legal Practice: Partner, Wilken & Leverett (1978-1984)

Chambers of District Judge Claudia A. Wilken continued**Staff**

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Courtroom Deputy **Sheilah Cahill** (510) 637-3542

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Maxine M. Chesney
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1942
Education: UC Berkeley 1964 BA; Boalt Hall 1967 JD
Began Service: May 24, 1995
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Government: Assistant Chief Deputy, Office of the District Attorney, State of California (1976-1979)

Judicial: Judge, San Francisco County Municipal Court (1979-1983); Judge, California Superior Court (1983-1994)

Current Memberships: American Judicature Society; Federal Circuit Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; Queens Bench Bar Association; United States Association of Constitutional Law; Ninth Judicial Circuit Historical Society; United States Courts of Appeals

Staff

Secretary **Sheila McCarron** (415) 522-2041

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Susan Illston
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Duke 1970 BA; Stanford 1973 JD
Began Service: June 2, 1995
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Legal Practice: Associate, Cotchett, Illston & Pitre (1973-1976); Partner, Cotchett, Illston & Pitre (1977-1995)

Current Memberships: American Association of Justice; American Bar Foundation; American Bar Association; Litigation Section, American Bar Association; American Board of Trial Advocates; American College of Trial Lawyers; Association of Business Trial Lawyers; Consumer Attorneys of California; International Academy of Trial Lawyers; International Society of Barristers; National Association of Women Judges

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